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Soil Erosion

Sheet and Rill Erosion

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met			
Permanent ground cover greater than 90% and slope less than 10%; OR, The water erosion rate is less than or equal to T.	Yes	No		
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation	Test Met		
All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized. All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.	Yes	No 🗌		
All non-traffic areas are vegetated.	Yes	No 🗌		
Classic Gully Erosion				
Planning Criteria	Planning Co	riteria Met		
Classic gullies are not present; Or, Classic gully management is adequate to stop the progression of head cutting and widening and offsite impacts are minimized by vegetation and/or structures.	Yes	No		
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation '	Test Met		
Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled to the point that is does not cause erosion or large streams of water.	Yes	No		



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Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	iteria Met
For shorelines and water conveyance channels; banks are stable or commensurate with normal geomorphological processes; AND, If bank erosion is present, it is beyond the client's control or commensurate with normal geomorphological processes; AND, For streambanks, SVAP2 bank condition element score greater than 5. If shorelines or water conveyance channels are not present, set this planning criteria to NA.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation T	est Met
Excluding all fundamentally unstable, natural geomorphic streambanks and shorelines, all streambanks and shorelines on the land use show few signs of erosion or bank failure; AND, Each is stable and protected with natural materials. If shorelines and water	Yes	No



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Soil Quality Degradation

Concentration of Salts and other Chemicals

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Salinity/sodicity problems do not exist: OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place to mitigate on-site effects.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation 7	Test Met
Manure from AFO/CAFO is managed and stored in a manner to prevent excessive accumulation or off-site movement of salts and other chemicals. If there are no AFO/CAFO on the land management system, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No 🗌



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Excess Water

Runoff and Flooding and Ponding

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Me
Runoff, flooding, and ponding is managed to mit conservation measures and/or farmstead areas.	nimize the impact on Yes No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building to the point that it does not cause damaging runo ponding.	=
Seasonal High Water Table	
Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Me
Excess water resulting from a seasonal high water prevent significant negative effects to conservation crop production. If seasonal high water tables do planning criteria to NA.	on measures and/or
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
The seasonal high water table does not impact co and/or farmstead areas. If seasonal high water ta- land management system, set this test statement	bles do not exist in the



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Water Quality Degradation

Pesticides in Surface Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Me	et
Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and applied to prevent r spills, leaks and leaching; AND, Conservation practices and techniques are in place to minimize ground water impacts.	runoff, Yes No	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Pesticides are not applied or stored on this land management systems. Or,' Pesticides are applied using a site-specific mixture of preveravoidance, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS) strategies. Environmental risk screening tool are used (such as WIN-PST of similar LGU approved tool); AND, application rates and timing compliant with the label.	ention,	
Pesticides are stored, handled, and disposed to prevent runoff, seleaks and leaching.	pills, Yes No	



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	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and applied to prevent runoff, spills, leaks and leaching; AND, Conservation practices and techniques are in place to minimize ground water impacts.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met
	Pesticides are not applied or stored on this land management system; OR, Pesticides are applied using a site-specific mixture of prevention, avoidance, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS) strategies; AND, Environmental risk screening tool are used (such as WIN-PST or similar LGU approved tool); AND, Application rates and timing are compliant with the label.	Yes	No
	Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and applied to prevent runoff, spills, leaks and leaching; AND, Conservation practices and techniques are in place to minimize ground water impacts.	Yes	No
Νι	<u>itrients in Surface water</u>		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
	Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied and AFO/CAFO is not present; OR, Nutrient and amendment applications are based on soil or tissue tests and nutrient budgets for realistic yields; AND, Manure is managed and stored to eliminate off-site movement; AND, Conservation practices and management activitiess are in place to minimize surface water impacts.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met
	Livestock access to streams is limited to short periods of time and small areas.	Yes	No 🗌
	Manure and untreated runoff from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO is stopped from entering nearby streams, drainage ditches, and irrigation ditches.	Yes	No 🗌
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Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met		
Liquid manure is not stored; OR, Liquid manure storages have a liner to reduce seepage to groundwater sources.	Yes	No	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met	
Liquid manure is not stored; OR, liquid manure storages have a liner to reduce seepage to groundwater sources.	Yes	No	
Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, bio-solids or Compost Applications in Surface Water			
Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	teria Met	
Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not applied on the land; OR, Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to surface water sources.	Yes	No 🗌	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met	
Animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO do not exist on the land management system; OR, Manure and untreated runoff from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO is stopped from entering nearby streams, drainage ditches, and irrigation ditches.	Yes	No	
Water well(s) does not exist; OR, Any water well(s) is located at least 100 feet from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO; OR, Runoff from these areas is treated; OR, An impervious barrier around the well prevents seepage into the surface water.	Yes	No	
Livestock access to stream is controlled; OR, Livestock are limited to small watering or crossing areas.	Yes	No 🗌	



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Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not stored or applied on the land; OR, Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to groundwater sources.	Yes No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
Water well(s) does not exist; OR, Any water well(s) is located at least 100 feet from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO OR runoff from these areas is treated; OR, An impervious barrier around the well prevents seepage into the groundwater.	Yes No
Petroleum, Heavy Metal and Other Pollutants Transported	to Surface Water
Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Activities do not present the potential for contamination by petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants. If present, potential pollutants are stored and handled to avoid runoff to groundwater.	Yes No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
Fuel storage does not occur on this land management system; OR, If required, the producer has and is following a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan; OR, The fuel storage area and tank is located: - above the 100-year floodplain, - a minimum of 100 feet from any river, stream, ditch, pond, lake, sinkhole, wetland, or water well; AND, Within a stable place designed to provide secondary containment if the primary means were to fail.	Yes No



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Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	riteria Met
Activities do not present the potential for contamination by petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants. If present, potential pollutants are stored and handled to avoid seepage to groundwater.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation '	Test Met
Fuel storage does not occur on this land management system; OR, If required, the producer has and is following a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan; OR, The fuel storage area and tank is located: - above the 100-year floodplain, - a minimum of 100 feet from any river, stream, ditch, pond, lake, sinkhole, wetland, or water well; AND, Within a stable place designed to provide secondary containment if the primary means were to fail.	Yes	No



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Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
There are no untreated sources of erosion and streams or shoreline are not on or adjacent to site; OR, Upslope treatment and buffer practices address concentrated flows to water bodies; AND, Heavy use areas are stable; AND, The SVAP2 - bank condition is greater than or equal to 5.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met
Drainage and erosion control measures are implemented on roads, trails and landings to minimize detrimental effects of concentrated flow, erosion and sedimentation; AND, Stream crossings are restored and stabilized.	Yes	No
The land adjacent to a stream, river, or other waterbody on the side or sides you control does: - have diverse, natural plant cover typical to that along streams in your area, - extend from the stream bank/shoreline for a distance of 35 feet or (if applicable) the minimum State buffer-width requirement, whichever is greater; AND, Have few places where concentrated runoff flows through.	Yes	No
Established filter strips are at least 20 feet wide and maintained when filter strips are applicable. If filter strips are not applicable on this land management system, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No
All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized; OR, Temporary or permanent rills and gullies do not exist.	Yes	No
Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled to the point that it does not cause erosion or concentrated streams of water.	Yes	No



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Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Water courses on or adjacent to the site are not designated by a State Agency as a temperature impairment; OR, The SVAP2 - riparian area quality element score is greater than or equal to 5; AND, The SVAP2 - riparian area quantity element score is greater than or equal to 5; AND, The SVAP2 - canopy cover element score is greater than or equal to 6; OR, Existing conservation practices are in place to address water temperature. If water courses are not present, set this planning criteria to NA.	Yes No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
More than 50% of the water surface is shaded on the length of the stream/river for this land management system. If waterbodies are not present on this land management system, set the test statement to NA	Yes No



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Air Quality Impacts

Emissions of Ozone Precursors

Pla	anning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
OR act app	perations that produce ozone precursor emissions are not present; R, or are managed to reduce emissions. Ozone precursor producing tivities may include: Engines (combustion source), Pesticide plication, Burning, CAFO /manure management, or fertilization anure/commercial).	Yes	No
Ev	valuation Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met
less ser min min	ergy-efficient vehicles, equipment, and other actions are used to sen discharges of NOx. Other actions may include: regularly vicing and properly maintaining combustion equipment, using the nimum level of equipment needed to accomplish the activity, and nimizing number of trips into the area.	Yes	No
<u>EIIIISS</u>	sion of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)		
Pla	anning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
Too foll app	AFO/CAFO is present the National Air Quality Site Assessment of (NAQSAT) indicates "NA" or at least 50% green for the lowing gasses: Methane (CH4) and Nitrous Oxide (N2O); for all plicable management categories. If AFO/CAFO is not present, newable energy sources are utilized.	Yes	No
Ev	raluation Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met
Re	newable energy sources are used.	Yes	No 🗌



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Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	iteria Met
The score bars in the NAQSAT report are at least 50% green for all of these sectors (or appropriate documentation is provided to indicate why an applicable score bar does not need to be at least 50% green): Mortalities, Manure Storage, Feed and Water, Land Application, and Animals and Housing data categories under Odor; Manure Storage, Feed and Water, and Animals and Housing data categories under Volatile organic compounds; Manure Storage and Feed and Water data categories under Hydrogen sulfide; and, Manure Storage, Feed and Water, Land Application, Animals and Housing, and Collection and Transfer data categories under Ammonia.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation 7	Test Met
Composting is managed to reduce objectionable odors; AND, documented episodes or complaints of odor nuisance have not occurred. If composting does not occur, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No
Manure from AFO/CAFO is managed to reduce objectionable odors; AND, documented episodes or complaints of odor nuisance have not	Yes	No



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Degraded Plant Condition

Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health

Plannin	ng Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
negative	re adapted to the site, meet production goals, and do not ely impact other resources; AND, Plant damage from wind is below crop damage tolerance levels.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluat	tion Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met
Plant yie	eld, vigor, and quality are as expected.	Yes	No 🗌
<u>Inadequa</u>	te Structure and Composition		
Plannin	ng Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
	ommunities contain adequate diversity, composition and e to support desired ecological functions for the ecological site.	Yes	No
Evaluat	tion Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met
	rent plants provide the desired habitat structure and ition. State identified invasive plants and noxious weeds are ed.	Yes	No 🗌
Excessive	Plant Pest Pressure		
Plannin	ng Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	est damage to plants is below economic or environmental ds; AND, plant pests, including noxious and invasive species aged.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluat	tion Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met
Invasive	e and noxious weeds are controlled or are not present.	Yes	No 🗌



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Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	teria Met
Wildfire hazards is not a concern; OR, Fuel loads and fuel ladders are managed to provide defensible space.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation T	est Met
Sites needing wildfire protection or using Prescribed Burning have a permanent or temporary strip of bare or vegetated land (i.e. Fuel Break) that retards fire.	Yes	No



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Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat

Inadequate Habitat - Food

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 7; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, Food is available in quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.	Yes No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
Plants provide nectar and pollen sources for pollinators and beneficial insects as well as providing adequate food for browsing animals.	Yes No



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Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 7; OR conservation practices and management practices are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, habitat cover is of available quality and extent to support requirements for the species of interest.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met
Plant growth and cover is managed to develop and maintain habitat to help chosen wildlife species. (see State Wildlife Action Plan)	Yes	No
Designated areas are planted as food and habitat for pollinators/beneficial insects. For example, planted to nectar and pollen producing plants and protected from disruptionchemical, biological, or mechanical	Yes	No



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Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	teria Met
The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 7; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, The connectivity of habitat components are adequate to support stable populations of target species.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation T	est Met
In-stream structures (i.e. dam, diversion structure, bridge, culvert,	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
low-water stream crossing, etc.) allow for the upstream and downstream movement of fish and other aquatic animals throughout most of the year.		



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Livestock Production Limitation

Inadequate Shelter

Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	teria Met
Artificial or natural shelters meet animal health needs.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation T	est Met
Adequate shelter is provided to meet the needs of the livestock throughout the period the land management system (LMS) is utilized by livestock. If livestock do not use this LMS, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No



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Inefficient Energy Use

Equipment and Facilities

Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	riteria Met
On-farm renewable energy and/or energy conserving practices have been implemented and energy savings can be documented by operational adherence to an NRCS approved Energy Audit or the use of various energy saving calculators.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation 7	Test Met
Pumps, motors, wells, etc. located on the land management system are improved efficiency models.	Yes	No 🗌
Energy loss from lighting, drying, refrigeration, cooling, heating, or building insulation has been improved.	Yes	No 🗌
arming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations		
Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	riteria Met
On-farm renewable energy and/or energy conserving practices have been implemented and energy savings can be documented by operational adherence to an NRCS approved Energy Audit or the use of various energy saving calculators.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation 7	Гest Met
Pumps, motors, wells, etc. located on the land management system are	Yes 🗌	
improved efficiency models		No